

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, 13 and 15, with partial traverse.

The claims to Groups IV and V are canceled but may be made the subject of a divisional application, to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

A requirement for restriction cannot properly be repeated as to Groups II and III. The reasons for this are as follows:

1. Group II is of course comprehended within Group I, as specified by the Official Action.
2. The bead of claim 1 is not a separate invention from the composition of the bead. It is merely the most common form of the composition of claim 1.
3. The pack recited in claim 1 requires only a bead and a packaging for the bead. Surely this is not a separate invention, as beads for such purposes are presented either loose in a bottle or else individually stored in compartments in a pack. True, the beads could be presented loose in a bottle; but that does not make a bead in an individual pack a separate invention from a loose bead.
4. The pack of claim 10 cannot be practiced with other than the bead of claim 7, by definition.

5. Separate classification is no indication of the propriety of a requirement for restriction. Classification is solely for the convenience of the Patent Office and the searching public, and cannot decrease an applicant's rights in any way.

For any or all of the above reasons, therefore, it is believed that this application is in condition for examination with all of claims 1-18, and such is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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